## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Catherine CHAIX et al. Confirmation No. 3267

Application No. 10/518,119 Group Art Unit 1792

Filed: April 10, 2006 Examiner Nathan Ford

Title: MATERIAL EVAPORATION CHAMBER WITH

DIFFERENTIAL VACUUM PUMPING

## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents December 22, 2009 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2009, the period for response to which now extends to December 22, 2009 (December 19, 2009 being a Saturday and on December 21, 2009, the Federal Government was closed due to inclement weather), by Petition for Extension of Time concurrently filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.